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For: METHODS OF TREATING LUPUS  
BASED ON ANTIBODY AFFINITY  
AND SCREENING METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002 (Paper No. 12) for which a response was due on May 23, 2002. A petition for a four month extension of time is attached, extending the time for response to September 23, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Also submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, for which Applicants respectfully request entry prior to examination on the merits.

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